

2005 Legislation

Assembly Bills

- AB 67 Levine – Stationary Fuel Cell Net Metering
Chapter 562
This bill extends the January 1, 2006, sunset to January 1, 2010, on the net-metering program for stationary fuel cells to sell excess power they produce to the electrical grid. This will encourage new and continued stationary fuel cell use at manufacturing facilities for on-site electrical generation. The bill also requires the President of the California Public Utilities Commission to annually appear before the Senate and Assembly policy committees to report on utility activities and rates.
- AB 115 (Klehs) Small Refiner Tax Credit
Chapter 691
This omnibus tax bill updates California's personal income and corporation tax laws to conform to similar federal tax laws as of January 1, 2005. This bill includes tax incentives to help California's small refineries upgrade their facilities in order to produce the next generation of clean diesel fuel. The tax incentives are broken into two parts; a per gallon tax credit and an accelerated depreciation, or single year expensing, of the capital improvements to the refinery. Neither tax break is triggered unless the refinery actually produces the newer-cleaner diesel fuel for California.
- AB 121 (Vargas) Lead in Candy
Chapter 707
This bill will prohibit the sale and distribution of certain candy containing lead above naturally occurring levels. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) would have to adopt a regulation by July 1, 2006, that identifies a naturally-occurring level of lead in candy with chili, tamarind, or other ingredients that may contain significant lead contamination. OEHHA would also set a lead standard for candy wrappers by July 1, 2006. The bill would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to operate a regulatory program involving the testing of candy and candy wrappers to identify those in violation of the OEHHA limits. The bill's requirements would be in effect only in fiscal years when adequate funding is available.
- AB 137 (Committee on Budget) Public Resources
Chapter 521
This bill makes technical and clarifying amendments to the 2005 resources budget trailer bill (Chapter 81, Statutes of 2005) related to the allocation of tidelands oil revenues for environmental mitigation related to the future abandonment of oil fields in the City of Long Beach. This bill also makes clarifying changes to the process that triggers the expenditure

of funding from the Oil Trust Fund for environmental mitigation of those oil fields.

- AB 174 (Salinas) Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
Chapter 32
This bill permits the Pajaro Valley Water Management (Agency) to acquire property outside of its boundaries through eminent domain in order to construct a specified pipeline and related appurtenant facilities. However, the property will only be acquired if the board of supervisors for the county in which the property is located grants its approval by resolution. This bill permits that board of supervisors to condition its approval on the Agency's promise to indemnify the county in any dispute arising from the board's approval decision or the Agency's exercise of eminent domain.
- AB 200 (Leslie) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program
Chapter 50
This bill changes California's Renewable Portfolio Standard to permit an investor-owned utility serving fewer than 60,000 customers in California that also serves customers in another state (i.e. PacifiCorp and Sierra Pacific Power), to count its out-of-state renewable resources toward its renewable portfolio standard compliance. This will provide investor-owned utilities the flexibility in meeting their renewable portfolio standard requirements because they procure a pool of resources for all of their customer and do not procure specific resources for their California customers.
- AB 259 (Hancock) Collection of Delinquent Solid Waste Bills
Chapter 564
This bill increases a county's capacity to attach liens to real property with delinquent payments for solid waste handling services provided under a franchise, contract, license, permit, or otherwise. This bill closes a technical loophole that currently prevents counties from attaching liens on real property with delinquent solid waste collection bills to pay for mandatory solid waste services provided by a franchised waste hauler.
- AB 270 (Leslie) California Tahoe Conservancy Grants
Chapter 47
This bill clarifies the circumstances under which the Tahoe Conservancy could fund the relocation of water and sewer-related facilities as part of an erosion control grant.
- AB 338 (Levine) Crumb Rubber Recycling
Chapter 709
This bill is a major step forward in increasing the use of asphalt containing crumb rubber on California's roads, using a significant number of the 34.6 million waste tires currently generated in this state each year. It

requires the Department of Transportation to use elevated levels of crumb rubber in lieu of other materials for state highway construction or repair projects that use asphalt as a construction material, based on an annual cost differential analysis between asphalt containing rubber and conventional asphalt. The crumb rubber used would be required to be manufactured in the United States and derived from waste tires taken from U.S.-owned and operated vehicles.

- AB 380 (Nunez) Electricity Reserve Requirements
Chapter 367
This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the California Independent System Operator, to establish and enforce electricity reserve requirements, including renewable energy mandates, on all electricity providers.
- AB 383 (Montanez) SMOG Check Program
Chapter 565
This bill increases, until January 1, 2009, the maximum income level for the Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program from 185 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. By raising the income limit, families who make just above the current 185 percent of the federal poverty level cutoff would be able to qualify for repair assistance when their vehicles fail a Smog Check.
- AB 403 (La Malfa) Certified Unified Program Agency
Chapter 388
This bill deletes the January 1, 2006, sunset date from existing provisions of law that afford Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) the flexibility to treat minor violations in a more streamlined, consistent, and reasonable process. The bill also exempts businesses from business plan requirements for on-premise propane tanks, not to exceed 300 gallons, used solely for heating purposes, unless the administering agency finds and provides notice to the business that the handling of such propane requires the submission of a business plan in response to public health, safety, or environmental concerns.
- AB 405 (Montanez) Pesticide Use in Schools
Chapter 566
This bill prohibits the use, at schoolsites, of pesticides that have been granted a conditional registration, an interim registration, or an experimental use permit by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), a pesticide that is subject to an experimental registration issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or if DPR has canceled or suspended its registration, or requires a phase-out of its use.
- AB 489 (Bermudez) Port Activity Reports

Chapter 187

This bill delays, from January 2005 until January 2006, deadlines for the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to provide reports to the Legislature; the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; and others regarding distribution center activities—including off-peak hours and use of rail facilities.

AB 495 (Montanez) Waste Discharge Requirements
Chapter 145

Previous legislation, AB 1541 (Chapter 609, Statutes of 2003), inadvertently exempted mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) provisions on general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations. This bill corrects the technical change to MMP provisions to ensure that general NPDES permit holders are subject to the same penalties for permit violations as individual permit holders.

AB 554 (Nava) Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Chapter 510

This bill authorizes the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to levy property-related fees within its jurisdiction, as long as those fees are imposed pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution. The district currently has statutory authorization to levy taxes and assessments upon all taxable real property within its jurisdiction, but lacks statutory authorization to levy fees.

AB 574 (Wolk) Recycled Concrete
Chapter 693

This bill authorizes the use (sale) of recycled concrete materials if a user has been fully informed that the concrete may contain recycled concrete materials. Additionally, this bill prohibits the recycled concrete to be offered, provided, or sold to the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services for any use, unless otherwise requested and approved by that department.

AB 575 (Wolk) Electronic Waste Recycling
Chapter 59

This bill amends existing law that requires consumers to pay an advance recycling fee on the purchase of specified electronic devices unless the retailer pays the fee on the consumer's behalf. The bill will allow a leasing company to arrange to pay the recycling fee to its vendor on behalf of the consumer. The vendor (who could be the manufacturer or some third party) would in turn remit the monies to the Board of Equalization.

AB 694 (Chan) Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Chapter 568

This bill will allow private entities in the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to apply for emission reduction incentive programs such as the Carl Moyer Program and modifies the list of projects eligible for funding from existing registration fees.

- AB 721 (Nunez) Metal Plating Facilities
Chapter 695
This bill requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H), in collaboration with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the Air Resources Board (ARB), and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to develop a loan guarantee program, for chrome plating facilities to assist those facilities to upgrade, replace, or purchase environmental control technologies. This bill also requires DTSC to establish a Model Shop Program in northern California, similar to the existing program in Southern California. Finally, the bill requires money in the newly created Chrome Plating Pollution Prevention Fund to be expended by BT&H to make specified loan guarantees to qualified chrome plating businesses. This law will sunset on January 1, 2012.
- AB 728 (Negrete McLeod) Biogas Digester Customer-Generators
Chapter 369
This bill expands and extends the existing electrical net metering pilot program for facilities (mainly large dairies) that operate digester biogas-fueled electrical generation equipment and requires participating dairies that install a new digester to install Best Available Control Technology to control emissions. The bill also requires the Air Resources Board to collaborate with the California Energy Commission to prepare a report on the program.
- AB 841 (Arambula) San Joaquin Valley PM Monitoring
Chapter 569
This bill requires the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to install one or more fine particulate matter monitors on the western side of Fresno County in a primarily low-income and underserved area.
- AB 1007 (Pavley) Alternative Fuels Plan
Chapter 371
This bill requires the California Energy Commission, in partnership with the Air Resources Board and in consultation with other state agencies, to assess the relative environmental and public health benefits of different alternative fuel types and to develop and adopt a detailed state plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels.
- AB 1011 (Matthews) Pesticide Brokers
Chapter 612

This bill closes an existing loophole in the collection of the pesticide mill assessment. The bill expands the existing pesticide broker licensing requirements for brokers of agricultural use pesticides to include entities selling nonagricultural use pesticides. Additionally, this bill eliminates the Department of Pesticide Regulation's responsibility to track and manage the ownership of scientific data submitted to support pesticide product registrations.

AB 1065 (Matthews) Transporters of Kitchen Grease
Chapter 533

This bill authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish a method for tracking inedible kitchen grease. This bill would also strengthen and clarify the requirements for grease waste hauling in California. Grease waste that enters sewer systems through improper management of grease traps or interceptors or directly through food preparation facilities' sewer lines can cause significant sewage overflows that impact water quality. This bill protects water quality by improving the tracking of grease waste.

AB 1078 (Keene) Methamphetamine
Chapter 570

This bill enacts the Methamphetamine (meth) Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005 and establishes interim remediation standards for meth, mercury, and lead (the later two only when used in the making of meth). The standards will stay in effect until the Department of Toxic Substances Control adopts a health-based target remediation standard for meth. The bill also establishes a remediation management program for local governments to use in cleaning up properties contaminated by the illegal manufacturing of meth. This bill is double-joined with SB 536 (Bowen).

AB 1125 (Pavley) Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act
Chapter 572

This bill enacts the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act of 2006. It requires a retailer of rechargeable batteries sold in California to have a system in place for the acceptance and collection of used rechargeable batteries for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal with specified elements, including the take-back at no cost to the consumer of a used rechargeable battery. This bill prohibits the sale of a rechargeable battery to a consumer in California after July 1, 2006, unless the battery retailer complies with the Act. Additionally, this act requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to survey battery handling or recycling facilities and to post on its Internet Web site the estimated amount by weight of each type of rechargeable batteries returned for recycling in California during the previous calendar year.

- AB 1170 (Canciamilla) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Chapter 536
This bill exempts specified seismic retrofit work to be conducted by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District from the California Environmental Quality Act provided that certain conditions are met.
- AB 1200 (Laird) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
Chapter 573
This bill requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to evaluate the potential impacts on water supplies derived from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta resulting from subsidence, earthquakes, floods, changes in precipitation, temperature and ocean levels, and a combination of those impacts. Additionally the bill requires the DWR to evaluate options for protecting various water quality and water supply benefits and Delta infrastructure provided by the Delta levees. Lastly, the bill requires Department of Fish and Game to rate each identified option for its ability to restore Delta-dependent fisheries.
- AB 1201 (Laird) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Chapter 227
This bill makes various technical changes to law relating to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Specifically, it revises the region to include specific areas of the Sacramento River and the Shasta National Forest.
- AB 1222 (Jones) Remote Sensing Pilot Program
Chapter 574
This bill establishes a locomotive remote-sensing pilot program and requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to evaluate the ability of a remote sensing system to reliably measure emissions from locomotives. Additionally, this bill requires the ARB to design and implement the program in consultation with an advisory group.
- AB 1229 (Nationa) Air Pollution Label
Chapter 575
This bill requires the Air Resources Board to revise the existing smog index label on new motor vehicles to include a numerical index of global warming gases by January 1, 2007. The revised index labels would be affixed to 2009 and later model year vehicles.
- AB 1249 (Blakeslee) Waste Tire Facility Permit
Chapter 404
This bill provides the State Fire Marshal with the authority, in consultation with the Integrated Waste Management Board, to develop and adopt regulations relating to fire prevention and storage of waste tires at major waste tire facilities. The bill is designed to improve local enforcement of waste tire fire safety regulations.

- AB 1272 (Harman) State Lands Commission
Chapter 701
This bill grants the State Lands Commission the authority to sell the state's mineral rights in 466.66 acres of the former Eagle Mountain Mine for fair market value. This area is currently permitted as a solid waste landfill; however, the landfill is not yet operational.
- AB 1317 (Ruskin) Environmental Laboratories
Chapter 406
This bill grants authority to the Department of Health Services to make changes to its laboratory accreditation program in response to on-going changes in state and federal law pertaining to laboratory testing.
- AB 1328 (Wolk) Cache Creek
Chapter 576
This bill includes various remote sections of Cache Creek, located in Lake and Yolo Counties, within the California Wild and Scenic River system. This bill protects existing and future water rights for various public water agencies within the Cache Creek watershed; provides that the wild and scenic designation would not hinder efforts to remove invasive plant species or toxic substances from the river; and prohibits the State from petitioning for a federal wild and scenic designation of the river.
- AB 1342 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials)
Hazardous Material
Chapter 577
This bill streamlines certain hazardous waste facility permitting procedural requirements so as to improve the cost-effectiveness of operations at the sponsor's facility and at other similar hazardous waste facilities. Additionally, the bill makes a technical change to the site cleanup cost recovery statutes intended to reflect that duplexes are considered single-family dwellings, and thus, should be afforded the same liability protections realized by owners of single-family residences.
- AB 1415 (Pavley) Mercury Relays and Switches
Chapter 578
This bill prohibits the sale and distribution in California of certain mercury-added measuring devices and medical equipment, and mercury-added switches and relays (individually or as product components), effective July 1, 2006. The bill applies only to new and refurbished products, and provides various self-implementing conditioned exemptions from this ban for each of the affected product types. Additionally, the bill provides a process by which a manufacturer could obtain an exemption from the mercury switch/relay ban if specified conditions are met and the manufacturer or a trade group submits an exemption request meeting

specified content requirements to the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

- AB 1576 (Nunez) Power Plant Efficiency
Chapter 374
This bill authorizes the state's electric utilities to enter into long-term contracts for the output of replaced and repowered generation facilities that meet energy efficiency criteria. The costs of these contracts may be recovered through rates from ratepayers. The contracts would be on a cost-of-service basis. This bill also requires the California Energy Commission, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, to report on progress made toward performance standards relating to water quality.
- AB 1585 (Blakeslee) Renewable Energy Resources
Chapter 579
This bill requires the California Energy Commission to review the feasibility of increasing the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) target to 33 percent by 2017. The review will be conducted as part of assessments for the 2007 Integrated Energy Policy Report. This bill will only become effective if SB 107 (Simitian), pending in the Assembly, is enacted by January 1, 2006.
- AB 1637 (Mountjoy) Garbage Truck Safety
Chapter 166
This bill requires all garbage trucks, except rolloff vehicles, to be equipped with an audible, automatic, backup alarm or, a similar device that is capable of emitting a specific sound. All garbage trucks purchased after January 1, 2010, will be required to be equipped with a functioning camera that provides the driver with a video display of the rear of the vehicle.
- AB 1660 (Pavley) Energy-Efficient Vehicles
Chapter 580
This bill creates a program in the Department of General Services to collectively purchase energy efficient and alternative fuel vehicles for state and local agencies. The bill also allows local governments to evaluate fuel economy when selecting new light-duty vehicles and allow them to require that 75 percent of those vehicles meet energy-efficiency standards.
- AB 1721 (Pavley) Environmental Education
Chapter 581
This bill makes several improvements to the environmental education program. The bill eliminates the requirement on governing boards to include specific environmental education materials as part of the adopted instructional materials. The bill strengthens roles of the implementing agencies with regard to development of the textbook adoption criteria.

The bill also allows storm water permittees and state agencies who develop environmental education materials to contribute to the Environmental Education Account.

- ACR 21 (Wolk) Watershed Awareness Month
Resolution Chapter 30
This resolution proclaims the month of May 2005, as Watershed Awareness Month.
- ACR 23 (Garcia) Traffic Congestion
Resolution Chapter 90
This resolution urges regional transportation agencies, in consultation with the cities and counties of the state, as well as the Department of Transportation, to examine the flow of traffic and develop commercial trucking routes that provide for the most direct movement through a city and a county in order to reduce the period of time that commercial vehicles are in city limits and county areas.
- ACR 66 (Saldana) California Wetlands Month
Resolution Chapter 49
This resolution declares May 2005 as California Wetlands Month.
- AJR 5 (Oropeza) Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards
Resolution Chapter 84
This resolution requests the federal government gradually double fuel efficiency standards.
- AJR 8 (Canciamilla) Marine Pollution
Resolution Chapter 93
This resolution urges Congress to ratify treaty provisions known as Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to pursue the creation of a North America Sulfur Emission Control Area.

SENATE BILLS

- SB 13 (Bowen) Personal Information
Chapter 241
This bill allows state agencies to release personal information (including social security numbers) on individuals to the University of California and other nonprofit educational institutions for research purposes only if the release is approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects of the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The bill also prohibits the Department of Social Services from disclosing for research purposes personal information on applicants for, and

recipients of, public assistance benefits unless the department receives HHSA's approval.

- SB 76 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Energy
Chapter 91
This is a 2005-06 budget trailer bill that addresses policies and funding related to electricity and natural gas utilities, and to hydrogen as a transportation fuel. It establishes funding and development criteria for initial implementation of the Blueprint Plan and to make sure that environmental, energy, and community concerns are considered as hydrogen infrastructure is introduced in California. It is also intended to broaden the scope of projects that are available for Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) funding.
- SB 264 (Machado) Delta Flood Protection Fund
Chapter 583
This bill extends the sunsets from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2008, on the Delta Flood Protection Fund and the current form of the Delta Levee Maintenance Program.
- SB 373 (Kehoe) County Water Authority
Chapter 599
This bill amends the County Water Authority Act to allow public nuisance abatement through civil action. Specifically, this bill provides that an encroachment maintained in violation of county water authority regulations is a public nuisance subject to abatement by bringing a civil proceeding.
- SB 376 (Soto) Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Chapter 210
This bill authorizes the Three Valleys Municipal Water District to adopt an assessment including a schedule of annual adjustments, and to make those adjustments in the same manner as allowed for taxes, fees, and charges that are not considered increases under Proposition 218.
- SB 387 (Ducheny) New River
Chapter 112
This bill allows a local government (in this case, the City of Calexico) to encase, pipe, and treat a portion of the New River in Imperial County in an effort to protect human health and the environment.
- SB 467 (Lowenthal) Carl Moyer Program
Chapter 209
This bill requires the Air Resources Board to revise the Carl Moyer Program guidelines to provide preferential treatment for industrial nonroad engine (forklifts) electrification projects.

- SB 471 (Escutia) Urban Brownfield Properties
Chapter 586
This bill deletes language in the California Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act of 2001 (CLERRA, aka SB 32) excluding from the definition of “property,” a site which has one or more full-time equivalent employees on an annualized basis. Therefore, such a site would qualify as “property” for the purposes of obtaining the liability protections afforded by CLERRA.
- SB 484 (Migden) California Safe Cosmetics Act of 2005
Chapter 729
This bill requires major cosmetics manufacturers to provide the Department of Health Services (DHS) with a list of its cosmetic products that are sold in the state and that contain chemicals identified as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. The bill also authorizes DHS to investigate cosmetic products that contain any of these chemicals, and requires the Department of Industrial Relations to develop occupational standards for chemicals that DHS finds are present in products at potentially toxic concentrations. The bill also authorizes DHS to investigate 54 cosmetic products cited in a specified study and report possible violations of law to the Attorney General and the Food and Drug Administration.
- SB 536 (Bowen) Methamphetamine
Chapter 587
With funding from the Illegal Drug Lab Cleanup Account (IDLCA), this bill: 1) directs the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), with guidance from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), to develop a health-based remediation standard for methamphetamine (meth) by October 1, 2007; 2) develop sampling and analytical methods for the collection of meth residue; 3) develop investigation and cleanup procedures for use in the remediation of meth by October 1, 2009; and 4) to the extent funds are available, direct DTSC, with guidance from OEHHA, to develop health-based standards for iodine, methyl iodide, and phosphine by October 1, 2008. This bill is double joined with Assembly Bill 1078 (Keene).
- SB 543 (Margett) State Water Project
Chapter 263
This bill codifies an existing administrative process at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for permitting construction and equipment encroachments on the State Water Project right-of-way and establishes a process at DWR to remove unauthorized encroachments.
- SB 578 (Escutia) Railroad Safety
Chapter 684

This bill requires railroads to report information about uncontrolled train movement incidents to the Office of Emergency Services, whether or not a spill or release occurs, if the incident could have affected public health and safety. This bill also requires the Public Utilities Commission to investigate the incident.

- SB 648 (Margett) California Environmental Quality Act
Chapter 267
This bill clarifies the type of disputes that are subject to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research procedures for resolving disputes over designation of a lead agency for purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Additionally, the bill also provides clarification regarding the timing of state agency and public review periods for environmental documents.
- SB 674 (Perata) Oakland Army Base Public Trust Exchange Act
Chapter 664
This bill enacts the Oakland Army Base Public Trust Exchange Act and authorizes an exchange of public trust lands within the Oakland Army Base redevelopment property so that both public and private interests can best be served. This is a re-introduction of SB 1434 (Perata) which was vetoed by the Governor in 2004 because of concerns from Caltrans.
- SB 743 (Chesbro) Rigid Plastic Containers
Chapter 666
This bill amends the Rigid Plastic Packaging Container recycling law to add two additional compliance options that would increase the amount of plastic diverted from landfills. It also establishes a new compliance option that few, if any, manufacturers could utilize and fails to expand the universe of plastic products that could use recycled content plastic. Additionally, the bill requires the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB) to develop regulations to establish protocols for determining compliance with this new option.
- SB 771 (Simitian) Oceangoing Ships
Chapter 588
This bill prohibits oceangoing ships from conducting onboard incineration while operating within three miles of the California coast. The bill also regulates the release of graywater, sewage, sewage sludge, oily bilgewater, hazardous waste, or other waste from oceangoing ships into marine waters of the state.
- SB 772 (Ducheny) Border Region Waste Tires
Chapter 214
This bill requires border region activities conducted in coordination with Cal/EPA to be included as a program element of the IWMB's Five-Year

Plan for the Waste Tire Recycling Management Program (five-year tire plan). This would occur without endangering the integrity of the Tire Recycling Management Fund.

- SB 796 (Figueroa) State Government Accountability
Chapter 686
This bill adds a chapter for California Taxpayers' Right to Customer Service. This requires state agencies to provide a link on their Web site for frequently asked questions, forms, applications, and instructions for filing complaints. It also adds an article for California Taxpayers' Right to Self-Governance and Participation. This requires state agencies to post bulletins and notices of all public meetings with the agendas on their Web sites. It also requires hearings on proposed regulations be televised via Web cast if practical, and a link will be provided for e-mail comments on said regulations.
- SB 822 (Margett) San Gabriel Basin Restoration
Chapter 271
This is an urgency bill that authorizes the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, which administers cleanup operations in the San Gabriel Basin, to receive State funds for the purpose of meeting a federal requirement for nonfederal matching funds.
- SB 828 (Maldonado) Public Contracts
Chapter 381
This bill exempts all state credit card purchases of under \$2,500 from the majority of the state's purchasing certification requirements, including environmental purchasing requirements, anti-sweatshop requirements, and encouraging the purchase of US-manufactured products. This bill sets an annual cap on the exemption of \$7,500. Currently, state agencies are statutorily required to acquire certification from vendors that the products comply with the state's purchasing laws.
- SB 857 (Kuehl) Fish Passages
Chapter 589
This bill requires Caltrans to prepare a report describing their efforts to assess and remediate the negative impacts of State highway or road structures that serve as barriers to migratory fish passages. Additionally, the bill requires Caltrans to conduct an assessment of potential barriers to fish passages prior to design of any highway project and to submit that assessment to the Department of Fish and Game for inclusion on the CALFISH database. This bill also requires that transportation projects to be designed to remediate any barriers to fish passages if such barriers exist, and that any new transportation project be constructed so that they do not pose a barrier to fish passage.

- SB 975 (Asburn) Biodiesel
Chapter 365
This bill allows certain garbage trucks and public fleets, including regulated utilities and the military, to use biodiesel blends in vehicles or off-road engines retrofitted with air pollution control devices.
- SB 1106 (Committee on Environmental Quality) State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign
Chapter 590
This bill consolidates, updates, and clarifies existing recycling laws, eliminates duplicative provisions, and establishes or restates recycling goals and reporting requirements for recycled-product purchasing. This bill is a technical and clarifying measure that is important to the success of the State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign as it will make the program easier for state agencies to comply. This bill does not increase requirements for state or local agencies.
- SCR 40 (Lowenthal) Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities
Resolution Chapter 76
This resolution memorializes the President and Congress to take necessary action to preserve state and local authority over the siting of liquefied natural gas facilities in California.